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RESPONSE A

In response to the office action dated January 30, 2002, please amend the above patent application as follows:

In The Specification:

Page 7, line 22, delete "extensior" and substitute - - exterior - -. A retyped paragraph is set forth below, and a marked paragraph is attached.

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The masking film of the present invention desirably is formed in rolls 28 that are 18 inches wide and approximately 400 feet in length. The film can be folded over once or more on the rolls as shown in FIG. 1 to form folded sheets 20 and 22 in order to provide a wider sheet of material. Preferably, the outer layer 12 is on the exterior surface of the folded material. Alternatively, the rolls can be 36 inches wide (or other widths) and the film can be folded over more than one time to form multiple folded layers. For a full body cover, the unfolded film width can be as much as eight to twelve feet or any width desired. A more narrow width is used for film having a "critical edge", which is an edge that is designed to be adjacent a surface being painted. The clinging characteristics of the sheeting are such that the film clings to the surface of the painted product but does not adhere to itself in a roll with